GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ORISSA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of assistance made available to Orissa during the last three years and in the current year, till date in the form of various Central grants-in-aid special assistance and loan;

(b) whether the Government of Orissa faced some economic crisis;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government of Orissa utilises the grants-in-aid provided by the Union Government for purposes other than for which they are provided;

(e) if so, the details and reasons thereof;

(f) the steps taken to ensure the appropriate utilisation of Central funds; and

(g) the amount of funds for which the utilisation certificate is yet to be submitted by the State Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a): Plan Assistance is released to the State Government as Block Grants & Block Loans and grants-in-aid are provided to the State as per the award of the Finance Commission. Details of release to State during the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Block Loans	Block Grants	Grants-in-aid as per Finance Commission Award	Total
1998-99	850.18	349.96	84.91	1285.05
1999-00	860.17	362.61	1035.28	2258.06
2000-01	938.52	515.93	504.80	1959.25
2001-02 (so far)	378.77	162.33	271.85	812.95

(b) & (c) : Some financial difficulties have been experienced by the Govt. of Orissa on account of rising non-plan expenditure and also temporary mismatch between receipts and expenditure.

(d) to (g) : Release of grants-in-aid under the award of the Finance Commission are regulated in accordance with the respective guidelines. State Governments are responsible to the State Legislature for proper utilisation of the funds through the State Audit Report prepared by the CAG of India under Article 151(2) of the Constitution of India. However, if there is a shortfall in Plan Expenditure as against Approved/Revised Plan Outlay, a proportionate cut is made from the Central Assistance released to the State.